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ORGANIZATION, STAFFING REQUIREMENTS

REF: A. ROME 16278

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ROME FOR MILLER

1. WE HAVE UPDATED REF A SUBMISSION AND REQUEST EUR/EX
APPROVAL. UPON APPROVAL, REQUEST THE FOLLOWING JUSTIFICA-
TION STATEMENT BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THAT DISCUSSED IN (READ FOR)
TURIN IN REF B.

QUOTE

2. AS ONE OF THE TWO COMMERCIALY DESIGNATED CONSULATES
IN ITALY, THE PRIMARY PURPOSES OF THE POST IN TURIN ARE
TO TAP THIS IMPORTANT COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL MARKET,
REPORT ON SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS
WHICH OFTEN HAVE NATION-WIDE EFFECT, AND PROVIDE CONSULAR
SERVICES TO THE 4.7 MILLION PEOPLE OF THE PIEDMONT AND
VALLE D AOSTA REGIONS (BORDERING SWITZERLAND AND FRANCE).
SITUATED HALF WAY BETWEEN ROME AND PARIS, TURIN IS ITALY S
SECOND MOST IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL CITY AND IS THE HOME OF THE
GIANT FIAT COMPLEX. MOREOVER, THE REGION OF PIEDMONT IS
THE LEADING CENTER FOR ITALY S TEXTILE, METALLURGICAL, AND
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PAPER INDUSTRIES. ONE OF THE MOST INDUSTRIALIZED AREAS OF ITALY,

THIS REGION ACCOUNTS FOR ABOUT 16 PERCENT OF ITALY'S TRADE WITH THE U.S. AND FOR ABOUT THE SAME RATIO OF ITALY'S OVERALL DOMESTIC PRODUCTION. WITH A POPULATION OF 1.8 MILLION, TURIN IS ITALY'S FOURTH LARGEST CITY AND THE AREA CURRENTLY INCLUDES 2,600 U.S. CITIZEN RESIDENTS.

3. IN FY 76, THIS TWO-MAN POST HANDLED NEARLY 5,300 NON-IMMIGRANT CASES (UP ALMOST 13 PERCENT OVER FY 75), OVER 960 CITIZENSHIP/PASSPORT SERVICES, AND AT LEAST 6,100 PROTECTION/WELFARE AND OTHER CONSULAR SERVICES AND INQUIRIES. OF THE NEARLY TWO MILLION U.S. VISITORS TO ITALY EVERY YEAR, SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS VISIT THE TURIN CONSULAR DISTRICT, ESPECIALLY FOR THE MANY NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE SHOWS AND EXHIBITIONS HELD IN TURIN.

4. WITH EVERY MAJOR CITY FROM ROME NORTH (EXCEPT TRIESTE) NOW IN THE HANDS OF COMMUNIST/SOCIALIST ADMINISTRATIONS, A REDUCTION OF THE U.S. PRESENCE WOULD NOT REASSURE OUR FRIENDS IN ITALY AND WOULD HAVE A SERIOUS NEGATIVE PSYCHOLOGICAL/POLITICAL EFFECT IN THIS HIGHLY IMPORTANT ECONOMIC CENTER OF THE COUNTRY. TURIN, WHICH HAS A COMMUNIST MAYOR, AND PIEDMONT WITH ITS REGIONAL PRESIDENT ALSO A COMMUNIST, ARE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IN THIS RESPECT. OUR INFORMATION EFFORTS IN NORTHERN ITALY HAVE RECENTLY BEEN STEPPED UP BY THE ASSIGNMENT OF A USIS OFFICER TO TURIN AFTER AN ABSENCE OF ELEVEN YEARS.

5. WITH ITS PRESENT STAFFING, THE CONSULATE IS ONLY ABLE TO DEVOTE ONE OFFICER MAN-YEAR AND 2.2 LOCAL STAFF MAN-YEARS TO ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL FUNCTIONS. THE CONSULAR WORKLOAD AND REDUCTIONS IN STAFFING IN 1970 HAVE PREVENTED THE CONSULATE FROM GIVING THE FULL ATTENTION NEEDED TO MONITORING ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES IN THIS MAJOR INDUSTRIAL AREA. IN FY 76, THE POST WAS ABLE TO GENERATE CLOSE TO 30 TRADE OPPORTUNITIES, PREPARE OVER 80 WORLD TRADE DATA REPORTS, AS WELL AS RESPOND TO 1,700 TELEPHONE AND LETTER INQUIRIES. THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION IS ALSO VERY ACTIVE IN SUPPORT OF THE MILAN TRADE CENTER. IN FY 76 ALMOST 2,000 LETTERS AND PHONE CALLS AND ALSO NUMEROUS VISITS WERE MADE TO COMPANIES IN AN EFFORT TO SOLICIT SUPPORT FOR

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ATTENDANCE AT U.S. TRADE CENTER EXHIBITIONS. THE SECTION IS ALSO CALLED UPON TO PREPARE MARKET RESEARCH REPORTS AND GLOBAL MARKET SURVEYS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES FOR THE COUNTRY COMMERCIAL PROGRAM. WITH ADEQUATE STAFFING -- REESTABLISHMENT OF A FULL-TIME JUNIOR CONSULAR OFFICER POSITION -- THE TWO CURRENT CONSULS (O-3 AND R-5), BOTH OF WHOM ARE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS, COULD DEVOTE MORE RESOURCES TO INCREASED AND VERY MUCH NEEDED ECONOMIC,

COMMERCIAL AND POLITICAL REPORTING.

6. IF THE POST WERE TO BE CLOSED (AFTER AN ALMOST UN-
INTERRUPTED TENURE OF 135 YEARS) AND ITS FUNCTIONS
TRANSFERRED ELSEWHERE (PRESUMABLY MILAN), WE WOULD FACE THE
SERIOUS PROSPECT OF LOSING CLOSE TOUCH WITH LEADING
NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL FIGURES RESIDENT IN THE
TURIN AREA. OUR ASSISTANCE TO AMERICAN EXPORTERS TO THIS
IMPORTANT MARKET (WITH A VALUE OF AT LEAST DOLS 411
MILLION) WOULD SUFFER AS WE WOULD LOSE KEY ON-THE-SPOT
CONTACT. FINALLY, CONSULAR SERVICES WOULD STILL HAVE
TO BE PERFORMED AT THE COST OF INCREASED TROUBLE AND
INCONVENIENCE FOR THIS DENSELY POPULATED AREA AS TWO-
THIRDS OF THE PRESENT POPULATION OF THE TURIN DISTRICT
LIVE AN ADDITIONAL TWO TO THREE HOURS FROM MILAN AS
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